

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: Strategic Planning

July 30th, 2014

Introductions

- Review of documents in folders and on website
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What we've heard from you and what the department is doing about it

We need more data!

Data collection plan for Strategic Plan

Current TANF data report	One page summaries and listening session with contractors	Focus groups with contractors and interested parties	Focus groups with TANF cash participants	Survey of TANF cash and non-cash participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiled by MT TANF program • Emailed to committee on 6/13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summaries solicited from contractors in May • Compiled & emailed to committee on 6/13 • Listening session on afternoon of 6/18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 sessions conducted by Bloom Consulting • Billings, Butte, Glasgow • Another session to be conducted in Great Falls, Bozeman and Great Falls (urban Indian Health clinic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 sessions conducted by Bloom Consulting • Butte, Glasgow, Hardin and Lame Deer • Another session to be conducted in Great Falls, Bozeman and Kalispell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online and paper survey made available through WoRC and other contractors to participants • Deadline extended to 8/20 • Updated surveys per stakeholder feedback

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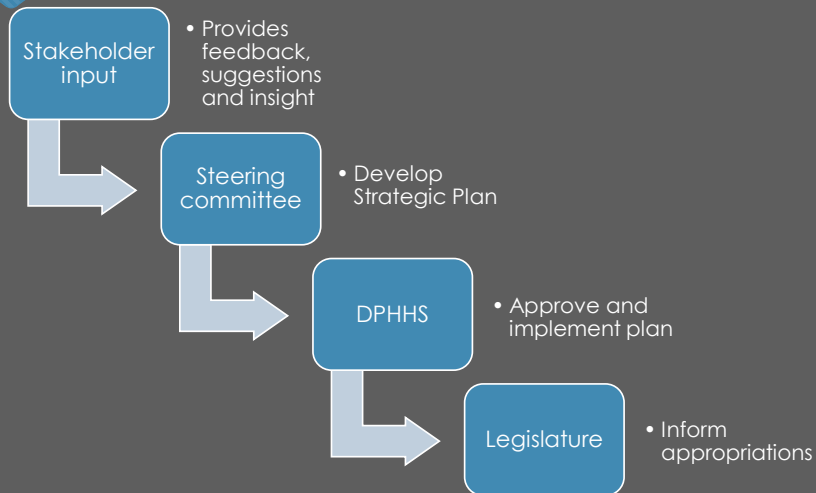
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Roles and Responsibilities



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Proposed extended timeline and updated meeting topics and procedures

Client intake and assessment

Tribal TANF

History of TANF

Review of Non-Assistance Programs and listening session

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Review of Charge to the Committee

Developing an overarching purpose statement for use of TANF funds that expresses the core value and purpose for the use of TANF block grant funds.

Proposing a framework that will ensure that projects funded with TANF block grant funds are complementary, integrated, interdependent, and designed to strategically achieve the overarching purpose for the funds.

Prioritizing this integrated framework by emphasizing evidence-based practices

Recommending strategies to collect outcome data for future evidence-based decision-making.

Designing a long-range strategy on the management of "carryover" funds to ensure the proper balance between meeting immediate needs while preserving "rainy day" funds for periods of economic downturn.

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September 10th

Final results from participant surveys, develop strategic framework



October 15th

Finalize framework, discuss carry over, measures of success and evidence based strategies

Lessons learned from last meeting

- Listening sessions/public comment: Want to keep more structured. Please come to the podium, state your name and organization

Questions or other things you wanted us to hear?

- Feedback on the proposed extended timeline?

Listening session: Non-cash

- If you had a magic wand thinking about clients along a continuum of support (beyond traditional cash assistance), what programs, policies, and approaches would you like to see?

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- Using TANF for rapid re-housing of homeless families. Number of homeless families in Montana is such that if we leverage resources that are available today, we can end family homelessness in Montana. 186 families with 384 children were homeless in January of this year. This is a manageable number to address. Not using TANF for homeless families in Montana the same way that other states are. Not a new idea-HUD/federal interagency on homelessness have prioritized. Collecting outcomes data on using rapid rehousing versus transitional housing.
- Use to streamline job finding assistance. Assign staff person help rapidly rehoused families connect quickly to employment. Large number of homeless individuals are disabled. Can use TANF to get disabled individuals connected to SSI and other services. \$143,000 could provide 50 families 4 months rent.
- HRDC-Full support for using TANF for summer youth employment
- Co-enrollments-CTI-process is to determine what someone is eligible for-FES, WoRC or summer youth employment. TANF summer youth program is very beneficial.

Listening session: Non-cash

- FES-accelerated employment program-subsidized employment program is very beneficial. Would like eligibility for accelerated work program, short term training and subsidized employment to be the same
- Supporting children (when children start getting better, I started getting better)-Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Focus on pregnancy prevention. Mentoring for young people. Developed materials around pregnancy prevention-purchased materials for the important work. Also encourage basic needs to be met. Respite for parents through mentoring. Family strengthening. Create higher aspirations for kids. Mentoring allows development of soft skills/social skills. No income requirements for BBBS. Focus on single parents but do serve two parent families.
- Second Chance Homes-need to come to a consensus along a continuum of needs. Serving high risk, high needs families who are "non-system involved" 16-21-have no access to services other than TANF. Homeless, no family support. From perspective of the children-hope to help change intergenerational cycles of poverty and trauma. Living in crisis at all points-creates a lot of stress.

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- Struggling to find how to provide support and care-haven't even finished high school. Exploring the need for housing-hard to match a state program to those services. Supplemental payment on top of the basic TANF payment. Second Chance Homes.
- Rural Dynamics-assets initiative-created to make sure that programs of the Administration for Children and Families were providing holistic services to clients. Components: financial education, credit and debt management, EITC, access to public benefits, IDAs, getting banked. FESP RFP split part of that function-financial education and training have been split. Training program is 90 days-very limited. Jobs that are livable wage require more than 90 days training. Thinking about helping getting people through college. Having training requirements be more than 90 days.
- Student Assistance Foundation-FES current contractor: have a longer contract period, so that you can help participants manage assets longer-could help youth manage assets longer, would like the ability to serve recent high school graduates as they transition into post secondary education, updated policies on purchases they can make (increase \$ on computers, transportation (allow to buy a bicycle)

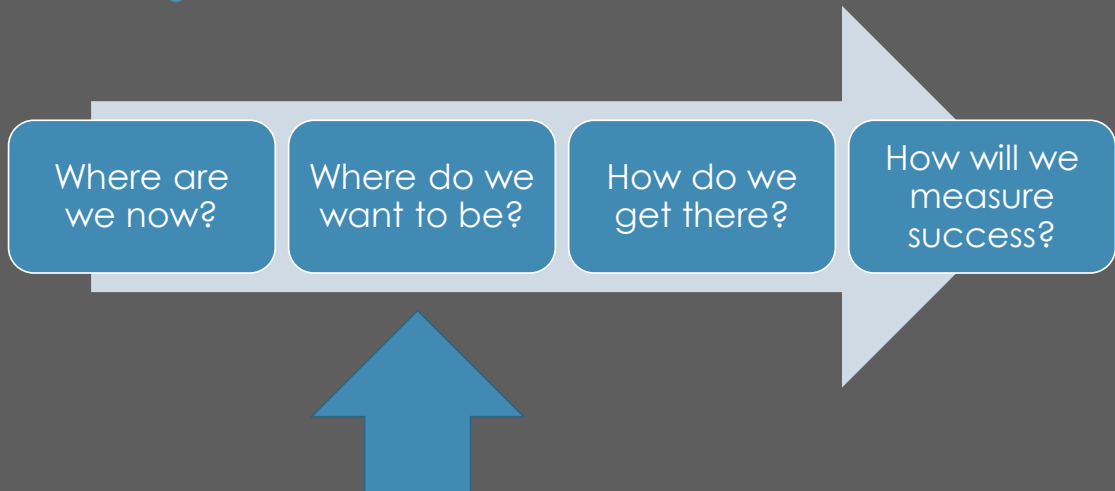
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- Center for Children and Families-don't qualify for TANF Second Chance Homes, transitional housing for children at risk for abuse or neglect (had a home that was used but had to close because of lack of funding)
- Boys and Girls Clubs-looking specifically at youth along a continuum of care, serve 18,000 kids across the state, 56% of children served qualify for free and reduced priced lunch, 40% are in single parent homes. Magic wand:
 - Parents need a place for children to go while they are searching for job-clubs provide that place. Care that they need when they need it. Providing opportunities for TANF eligible or near TANF eligible families that can eliminate the stress of finding child care
 - Looking that are kids that are in TANF eligible families-how do we provide children opportunities to advance, stay in school-working with older kids to stay in school, avoid early sexual activity, give kids hope and opportunity to find success and find their own futures and will reduce the caseload (positive adults mentors), "Smart Moves" curriculum, age appropriate, "Passport to Manhood"
 - 110 three year grants for after school programs (out of school time activities), \$5,000

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- United Way-Kids Link After School program, 27 sites in 5 counties, serve over 4,000 youth (1400 on a regular basis), they will be receiving 19 MOST grants
- Montana After School Alliance-in a new state of formation (used to be the Montana After School Network), being revamped and will be re-launched this fall, submitted grant to CS Mott foundation (Montana is one of 8 states that don't have)-fund similar network \$35K/year for three years that would be matched by CS Mott. Three goals: 1. improve the quality of after school programs 2. improve sustainability 3. improve accessibility. Develop standards for a good quality after school program

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